

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF WESTFORD
WARRANT

Middlesex, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County,

GREETINGS:

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Abbot School Gymnasium at Depot Street on the following date:

Monday, October 19, 2009
(voter registration deadline, Friday, October 9, 2009 at 8:00pm)

At 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following Articles:

FINANCIAL

ARTICLE 1:	Fiscal Year 2010 Supplemental Appropriations	<i>Town Manager</i>
	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds various sums in order to supplement operating budgets for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010;	
	Or act in relation thereto.	
ARTICLE 2:	Amendments to Wage & Classification Plan	<i>Town Manager</i>
	To see if the Town will vote to amend the Pay Classification Plan for non-unionized municipal employees, effective July 1, 2009;	
	Or act in relation thereto.	
ARTICLE 3:	FY 2010 Budget Transfer	<i>Town Manager</i>
	To see if the Town will vote to transfer various sums between and among various accounts for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010;	
	Or act in relation thereto.	
ARTICLE 4:	Capital Requests	<i>Town Manager</i>
	To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds to provide for Capital Requests;	
	Or act in relation thereto.	

ARTICLE 5:	Town Hall Construction/Renovations Supplemental Bond Authorization Pending Bid Results	<i>Permanent Town Building Committee</i>
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To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an additional sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to pay costs of renovations and / or an addition to the current Town Hall, including any other costs incidental and related thereto; and as funding therefor to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Sections 7(3) and 7 (3A), and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, Section 11, the Community Preservation Act, for historic preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration purposes, or pursuant to any other enabling authority,

Or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6:	Reduce Amount Raised by Taxes in Fiscal Year 2010	<i>Finance Committee</i>
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To see if the Town will vote to take specific amounts from available funds and to direct the Assessors to reduce the net amount to be raised for Fiscal Year 2010;

Or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7:	Massachusetts Enhanced Relief Individual Tax (MERIT) Plan	<i>Assessor</i>
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To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2006 creating a new local option under MGL Chapter 59 Section 5L, which allows Massachusetts National Guardsmen and Reservists who are deployed outside the state to defer paying their taxes without interest or penalties up to 180 days after that service, as being terminated or released from service.

Or act in relation thereto

ARTICLE 8:	Massachusetts Enhanced Relief Individual Tax (MERIT) Plan for Motor Vehicle Excise	<i>Assessor</i>
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To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008 Section 17, creating a new local option amending MGL Chapter 60A Section 9, which allows Massachusetts National Guardsmen and Reservists who are deployed outside the state to defer paying their Motor Vehicle Excise taxes without interest or penalties up to 180 days after that service, as being terminated or released from service.

Or act in relation thereto

ARTICLE 9:	Motor Vehicle Exemption for Residents on Active Military Duty	<i>Assessor</i>
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To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008 Sections 16 and 117, creating a new local option amending MGL Chapter 60A Section 1, which allows the exemption of motor vehicle excise tax for Massachusetts residents who are on active military duty outside the country for at least 45 days of the excise calendar year. If the service member is wounded or killed in an armed conflict, the exemption applies regardless of the number of days deployed. The service member may exempt only one vehicle owned and registered for personal

use. If accepted by the Town of Westford, then all delinquent motor vehicle excise bills will be charged an additional \$3.00 when sent to a deputy collector for collection action. The current fee is \$10.00 which, if accepted, would then be \$13.00

Or act in relation thereto

GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 10: Chapter 51 Section 51.1.D – Annual Town Meetings and Elections *Board of Selectmen*

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 51, Section 51.1.D of the Westford General Bylaws relating to the acceptance of articles for inclusion in the Annual Town Meeting warrant by deleting the current text and replacing it with the following text: "The Board of Selectmen shall include in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting any article it receives in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 10 by the 4th Tuesday in January on or before 2 p.m."

Or act in relation thereto

ZONING BYLAW AMENEMENTS

ARTICLE 11: Chapter 173, Section 8.1 Water Resource Protection Overlay District *Water Department*

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 173 of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Westford as follows;

At §173-8.1.3 Establishment of Districts, ADD the following:
(additions are underlined)

8.1.3 Establishment of Districts. The Water Resource Protection Districts are herein established as overlay districts. The Water Resource Protection Districts are described on a map entitled "Town of Westford Massachusetts, Zoning Map Water Resource Protection Overlay Districts 1, 2, & 3 (WRPOD)", with district boundary lines compiled by Town of Westford GIS Department dated February 2004 and amended August 2009. All maps are hereby made a part of this Zoning Bylaw and are on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Or act in relation thereto

LAND USE

ARTICLE 12: Country Road Easement *Water Department*

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to the Massachusetts Electric Company a perpetual right and easement for providing service for the transmission of intelligence (limited to the transmission of intelligence in connection with the automated reading of electric meters and for no other purposes) and electricity by overhead utility facilities over, across, under and upon land located at 16 Country Road more particularly described in a deed recorded with Middlesex North Registry of Deeds in Book 1678, Page 591 and shown as Parcel

"C" on a plan of land recorded with said Deeds in Plan Book 101, Plan 42, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Selectmen may determine, which may be nominal consideration;

Or act in relation thereto

ARTICLE 13:	Transfer of Care & Custody	<i>Conservation Commission</i>
To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, control, and management of a parcel of Town land located near Texas Road identified as Parcel 31 on Westford's Assessors' Map 6, from the Tax Possession Sale Committee presently held for the purpose of tax title sale to the Conservation Commission to be held for conservation purposes;		

Or act in relation thereto

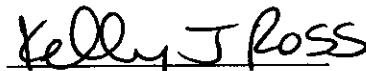
ARTICLE 14:	Vose Hill Road Street Acceptance	<i>Citizen's Petition</i>
To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 82, Section 20 to accept Vose Hill Road as Town public way;		

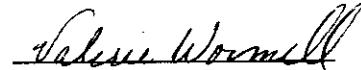
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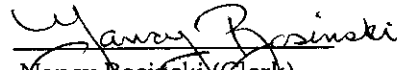
And you, Constable, are directed to serve this warrant by posting a true and attested copy thereof at the Town Hall (Millennium building), Library and at each Post Office in said town of Westford at least fourteen (14) days prior to the time of holding said meeting.

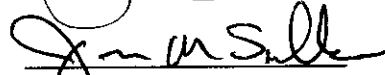
THEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

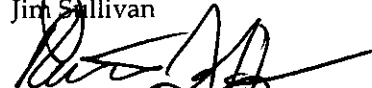
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Kelly Ross (Chair)

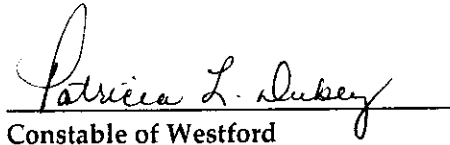

Valerie Wormell (Vice-Chair)


Nancy Rosinski (Clerk)


Jim Sullivan


Robert Jefferies

TRUE COPY
ATTEST:


Constable of Westford

DATE: October 1, 2009

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE SERVED THE FORGOING WARRANT BY POSTING A TRUE AND ATTESTED COPY THEREOF AT THE TOWN HALL (MILLENNIUM BUILDING), THE J.V. FLETCHER LIBRARY, AND AT EACH POST OFFICE IN THE SAID TOWN OF WESTFORD AT LEAST FOURTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF HOLDING SAID MEETING.